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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	946	Median Age of Population (1980)	30.0
Estimated Population (1984)	381,300	% Population Urban (1980)	54.6
Population per Square Mile (1984)	403	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$11,468
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 5.2	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	3.0
Projected Population (1990)	411,177	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	4.5
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 13.5	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	4.7

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	381,300	184,901	196,399	35-44	47,921	23,543	24,378
0-4	30,753	15,892	14,861	45-54	36,339	17,739	18,600
5-14	55,337	28,528	26,809	55-64	35,114	16,458	18,656
15-24	65,544	32,781	32,763	65+	46,696	18,507	28,189
25-34	63,596	31,453	32,143				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	3,105	Number of Divorces	1,220
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.1	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.2
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	33
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	5,889
Rate per 1,000 Population	15.4
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.1

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	5,889	100.0	30-34	1,122	19.1
UNDER 15	11	0.2	35-39	343	5.8
15-19	551	9.4	40-44	59	1.0
20-24	1,726	29.3	45+	2	0.0
25-29	2,075	35.2	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	430	Meningitis:	Aseptic	21	Salmonellosis	75
Hepatitis:	Type A	14	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	3	Shigellosis	25
Hepatitis:	Type B	39	Mumps		0	Syphilis	13
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	0	Rubella		1	Tuberculosis	9
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	1					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	3,256	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	46
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	8.5	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	7.8
Median Age at Death	76.6	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	20

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	1,373	42.2	Perinatal Conditions	18	31.0	Accidents, All Forms	24	47.1
Cancer	719	22.1	Congenital Anomalies	16	27.6	Suicide	10	19.6
Cerebrovascular Disease	244	7.5	Accidents, All Forms	5	8.6	Cancer	7	13.7
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	104	3.2				Congenital Anomalies	2	3.9
Accidents, All Forms	99	3.0						
All Other	717	22.0	All Other	19	32.8	All Other	8	15.7
TOTAL	3,256	100.0	TOTAL	58	100.0	TOTAL	51	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	33	28.0	Cancer	191	35.4	Heart Disease	1,164	46.7
Accidents, All Forms	26	22.0	Heart Disease	189	35.1	Cancer	487	19.6
Heart Disease	20	16.9	Cerebrovascular Disease	26	4.8	Cerebrovascular Disease	214	8.6
Suicide	12	10.2	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	22	4.1	Pneumonia and Influenza	89	3.6
			Diabetes Mellitus	17	3.2	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	82	3.3
All Other	27	22.9	All Other	94	17.4	All Other	454	18.2
TOTAL	118	100.0	TOTAL	539	100.0	TOTAL	2,490	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
6	5	0	1	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	3	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	2	Family Practice Center	3	Limited	0	General	3
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	2

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	5	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	3	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,358	3.6
Admissions	47,739	125.2

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	50	0.1
Admissions	475	1.2

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $164

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES (1984)

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	15	10	11
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	14	11	14
TOTAL	30	21	26

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	2,053	44.0
Intermediate	1,612	34.5
Total (SNF + ICF)	3,665	78.5

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 84.9

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $52
Intermediate $53

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
17	1,393	525	866	2	55.1

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
5	2	0	0	11	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	1,138	Certified Paramedics I	13
Ambulance Providers	36	Certified Paramedics II	138

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 20

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	18	Autism	11	Muscular Dystrophy	13
Cerebral Palsy	14	Learning Disabilities	14	Other	16
Epilepsy	14	Multiple Sclerosis	12		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 2

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 45